

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

*Please replace paragraph [0008] of the instant specification with the following amended paragraph [0008]:*

**[0008]** The invention also provides for a ratio of the width of the road contact area to the width of the profile center to be between approximately  $1 - \frac{(D_R - 100)}{100} \times 1.5$  and approximately  $1 - \frac{(D_R - 100)}{100} \times 5$ , and preferably approximately  $1 - \frac{(D_R - 100)}{100} \times 3.3$ , whereby  $D_R$  is the diameter of the rim to which the vehicle pneumatic tire can be connected.

*Please replace paragraphs [0019] – [0020] of the instant specification with the following amended paragraphs [0019] – [0020]:*

**[0019]** The invention also provides for a vehicle tire comprising a tread rubber profile comprising grooves running in a circumferential direction, diagonal grooves, two shoulder block rows and a pair of center block rows arranged between the two shoulder block rows. Each of the two shoulder block rows and each of the pair of center block rows comprises blocks. Each of the blocks comprise a plurality of fine indents running generally parallel to one another. The tread rubber profile has a road contact area defined by a width Y and a center profile area defined by a width X, whereby the width Y at least partially encompasses the two shoulder block rows and whereby the width X is generally defined by axial outer edges of the pair of center block rows. A ratio of the width Y to the width X is between approximately  $1 - \frac{(D_R - 100)}{100} \times 1.5$  and approximately  $1 - \frac{(D_R - 100)}{100} \times 5$ .

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~~100) x 5~~  $1 - (D_R/100) \times 5$ , whereby  $D_R$  represents a diameter of a rim to which the vehicle tire can be connected.

**[0020]** The vehicle tire may be a winter tire. The tire may be a pneumatic tire and the ratio may comprise approximately  ~~$1 - (D_R - 100) \times 3.3$~~   $1 - (D_R/100) \times 3.3$ . The value  $D_R$  may comprise one of 14 inches, 15 inches, 16 inches and 17 inches. The value  $D_R$  may comprise a value between 12 inches and 21 inches. The value  $D_R$  may comprise a value greater than 13 inches. Each of the plurality of fine indents of the blocks of the pair of center block rows may have one of a stepped configuration and a saw-toothed configuration.

*Please replace paragraph [0030] of the instant specification with the following amended paragraph [0030]:*

**[0030]** A ratio of the width Y to the width X may be between approximately  ~~$1 - (D_R - 100) \times 1.5$~~   $1 - (D_R/100) \times 1.5$  and approximately  ~~$1 - (D_R - 100) \times 5$~~   $1 - (D_R/100) \times 5$ , whereby  $D_R$  represents a diameter of a rim to which the vehicle tire can be connected.

*Please replace paragraph [0032] of the instant specification with the following amended paragraph [0032]:*

**[0032]** The diagonal grooves may comprise a width that is less than a width of either of the center circumferential groove and the left and right side circumferential grooves. Each of the blocks may comprise edges delineating the diagonal grooves which are oriented at

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an angle that is not perpendicular to a circumferential direction. Each of the blocks may comprise a plurality of fine indents running generally parallel to one another. A ratio of the width Y to the width X can be between approximately  $1 - \frac{(D_R - 100)}{100} \times 1.5$   $1 - (D_R / 100) \times 1.5$  and approximately  $1 - \frac{(D_R - 100)}{100} \times 5$   $1 - (D_R / 100) \times 5$ , whereby  $D_R$  represents a diameter of a rim to which the vehicle tire can be connected. The vehicle tire may be a winter tire.

*Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the Abstract of the Disclosure appended on the next page.*